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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian today announced the arrest of a Watertown man on child pornography charges.

The federal criminal complaint filed today charges NORMAN CALHOUN, age 39, with knowingly receiving and possessing child pornography he obtained over the Internet. The complaint filed in U.S. District Court against CALHOUN alleges that in September of 2009 New York State Parole Officers found him in possession of a computer compact disks that contained child pornography. The complaint further alleges that a forensic examination of the items revealed that CALHOUN received and possessed 142 video files and 148 still images depicting child pornography.

CALHOUN was arrested on the federal charges today, and made his initial appearance before Hon. David E. Peebles, United States Magistrate Judge. CALHOUN was ordered to be detained pending the resolution of the charges against him.

CALHOUN faces a mandatory minimum penalty of 15 years imprisonment, a maximum penalty of 40 years, potential fines of up to \$250,000, and a required term of supervised release of at least 5 years, and up to life. If convicted, CALHOUN will be required to register as a sex offender.

The charges are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

CALHOUN'S arrest is the result of an investigation by the New York State Division of Parole, the New York State Police, and the Utica, New York Police Department as part of Project

Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafecchildhood.gov.

CALHOUN is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lisa Fletcher, who can be reached at 448-0672.